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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. PCT/EP98/05487.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 4
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Firstly, the position is taken that BOE is not a recognized abbreviation and that it should be replaced within the claims with the actual terms.

Secondly, within claim 1, the use of “may” within the definitions renders the claims indefinite, because it is unclear if or to what extent the language denoted by “may” is optional.

Thirdly, within the definition of B of claim 1, it is unclear how “urea”, “ester”, and “urethane” are to differ from “urea groups”, “ester groups”, and “urethane groups”, respectively.

Lastly, within line 2 of claim 13, the language, “the latent hydroxyl groups”, lacks antecedent basis. Additionally, within line 4 of claim 13, the language, “the hydroxyl-reactive groups of the first... compound”, lacks antecedent basis.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Within claim 1, it is questioned if the composition should comprise a compound, having the specified groups, represented by formula (I), rather than the composition simply comprising the groups.

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3. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear from the claim language within the definition of "the other of R_1 and R_2 " with respect to the alk(en)ylene groups and within the definition of B with respect the hydrocarbon groups if these groups are required to contain the specified hetero atoms or groups. It is noted that these definitions have not been modified by the use of "may optionally", whereas the corresponding definition within the "one of R_1 and R_2 " definition has been modified by "may optionally".

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mizutani et al. ('240).

Patentees disclose a polymerizable composition comprising the reaction product of a hydroxyl functional bicyclo-orthoester compound with a polyisocyanate and polyhydroxyl compound at index ratios that yield compounds which are considered to meet applicants' formula (I). See abstract and columns 2-10.

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